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SUBJECT: OU 7-13/14 Comprehensive RI/FS - Transmittal of In Situ Vitrification Treatability Study Work Plan - (OPE-ER-46-99)

Dear Messrs. Poeton and Winter:

Enclosed please find the In Situ Vitrification Treatability Study Work Plan. This document outlines our proposed approach to obtain implementability and performance data on this technology. Thank you for providing comments on the document and for supporting an expedited review. We have incorporated most of your comments into the document and have provided specific comment resolutions in a separate attachment.

As you are aware, a number of safety analysis are ongoing. The results of these activities will support the treatability study design. Detailed design of tests, equipment, and procedures will be documented in the test plan and, with your concurrence, may alter some of the information presented in this Work Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alan T. Jines", is written over a horizontal line.

Alan T. Jines, P.E.
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